

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS 2021

State Executive Positions to be elected at the March 2022 Council meeting

- i) President
- ii) Vice President x 2
- iii) Treasurer
- iv) Council Representative x 2

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Nominees for President:

Ms SANDRA (MARYLOU) HODGES

Sandra Marylou Hodges (preferred name Marylou)

I have been involved in Pony Club since 1967, when I became a member of the Holbrook Pony Club in southern NSW. I have great memories of those days, riding 8 miles into town for a Sunday rally, joining up with the neighbouring kids along the way. Life-long friends sharing a common interest and a thirst for knowledge in learning about looking after our ponies and having fun at the same time.

Nothing gives me greater pleasure to see our members come along and experience the mateship and horsemanship that pony club offers and grow and develop their interpersonal skills, citizenship values and knowledge of equine sports.

Pony Club is the first cab off the rank in long equestrian careers nurturing and guiding young riders to pursue their ultimate dream in the Olympic disciplines or Challenges, Rodeo, Campdrafting, Polocrosse, Polo, even Horse Archery or pony racing.

As a candidate for the role of President of PCANSW, I bring a cross-section of experience from a rider's perspective to a committee member at both club and zone level; to a coach and an assessor of future Pony Club Coaches. I have been a Director of the PCA National Board since 2018.

Along with the relevant skills and experience, I bring enthusiasm, honesty, objectivity and candour to the table; and motivation to assist and provide NSW Pony Club members with every opportunity to have access to all aspects of pony club.

Marylou Hodges
Holbrook Pony Club

Please tick any of the following skills or experience that you possess:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial and Business Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Public Relations and |



Fundraising

Law

Human and/or Equine Health and Welfare

Education

Education:

Degree in Social Welfare, Diploma Business Management and Economics, Dip Community Services, Dip Case Management, Cert IV Training and Assessment, Equine Therapy Horse Specialist, Level 1 and 2 Pony Club Instructor, Pony Club Examiner, Level 1 NCAS Coach and NSW NCAS Coach Assessor.

Experience:

Holbrook Pony Club Experience:

- Level 1 and 2 Instructors Certificates
- Club Examiner
- Level 1 NCAS Coach
- Past President
- Past Secretary
- Zone Delegate
- Club Senior Instructor

Zone 20 Pony Club Experience:

- President
- Zone Delegate to State
- Zone Chief Instructor
- Zone 20 Executive Committee
- Zone 20 Camp Officer in Charge
- Zone 20 Disputes Committee

NSW State Council Experience:

- Zone Chief Instructors Panel
- NCAS Coach Assessor
- State Advisory Committees – Dressage, Campdrafting and Sporting, Mounted Games and Showriding

Pony Club Association National Committees:

- PCA Director – 2018 - 2022
- National Gear Rules
- Mounted Games
- Coaching Advisory Committee
- Board Nominations Committee

Current Professional Employment

- Education Support Officer – Dip of Nursing and Community Services, TAFE NSW – Southern Region.
- Disability Support Assistant, TAFE NSW – Southern Region.

Previous Board Experience

- Director Pony Club Australia from 2018
- Committee Member Goulburn Murray Australian Stock Horse Branch
- President of South Eastern Australia Australian Stock Horse Council
- Holbrook Show Society President

- Australian Director for HHK Travel P/L
- National Manager HHK Travel P/L
- National Manager International Agricultural Exchange Programs
- The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival Management Committee

Current Affiliations or Memberships

- Life Member of Zone 20 Pony Club NSW,
- member of Holbrook Pony Club (since 1967),
- Member of the Australian Stock Horse Association.
- Committee Member Goulburn Murray Branch – Australian Stock Horse Society
- Committee Member of South Eastern Australian ASHS Council
- Holbrook Show Society

Nominees for Vice President**SANDRA (MARYLOU) HODGES**

As per President

Nominees for Vice President:**MR PHILLIP LOUGE**

My name is Phil Logue, my interest and involvement in Pony Club dates back to the 60's as a rider. Then in the late 80's and onward to this present day. As a parent with the view that my children would experience the same opportunities as I did.

I have observed many changes over the years and believe I can contribute to the NSW Pony Club Association with the experience of my past achievements and service to the Association.

- Have been a councillor since late 80's to present day.
- ZCI for Zone 7
- Service 15 years on executive as a Council Representative and as a Vice President
- Technical Delegate for "NSW State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships" for 12 years
- Technical Delegate for "Mounted Games Championships."
- A member of various disciplines Advisory Committees
- Coached NSW Snr Mounted Games Team 8 years
- Assisted with NSW Games Squad
- Australian AMGA Games coach 10 years
- Coaching at various disciplines & Supervision at NSW State Camp for 27 years.
- Elected Director of the Australian Lighthouse Association

Now that I have retired, I believe as a member of the Executive I can contribute more of my time, my experience, knowledge, and energies once again to the NSW P C Association and its members.

Sincerely Phil Logue

Nominees for Vice President:**MRS BELINDA TINK**

My name is Belinda Tink. I am with Rawsonville Pony Club in Zone 4. My children have been involved with Pony club for over 10 years. I am a secretary and dual share the treasurer role for both Rawsonville and Zone 4 pony club.

I am a financial planner and have been since 2005. I have been a director since 2016 of our business. I have experience in MYOB, using it for my business, our family farm business. I rent the office space in an accounting firm and share our knowledge between our services we offer. Rawsonville Pony Club have received 2 extensive grants totalling \$250,000 and I handle the cashflow and BAS.

I have spent 2021 as the Pony Club NSW treasurer and have been an active contributor to the executive team.

As a financial planner, we have to uphold the values which are honesty, integrity, diligence, competency, and fairness which is something Pony Club NSW and executive team require. I believe I would be a good fit to the team.

Application for a position on the PCANSW State Executive

INTRODUCTION

My name is Sarah Woodhouse and I have been a member of Pony Club since I was five years old. I grew up in Norfolk in the United Kingdom and my local Pony Club was the West Norfolk Branch and I was lucky enough to be able to represent my club, district, and country in equestrian disciplines. Currently I am a beleaguered sheep farmer, which is a lesson in resilience. I have worked in the Human Resources and Risk Management areas for companies such as Bega Cheese and David Jones. I went to University in Edinburgh – which is probably why I live in warm Australia, and I was lucky enough to take a double first with Hons. in Medieval History and Arts. This is not at all useful with sheep, but it does mean I can get a job done.

I moved to Australia in 1988 and soon joined the Cooma Horse and Pony Club and not very long after that I was recruited by Neville Summerill to be his Deputy ZCI, and for the last 26 years (I am so old!!!) I have been the ZCI for Zone 18. This has been extremely rewarding in many areas but core to my love of Pony Club has been the joy in coaching young riders to love, care for and attempt to excel in their chosen disciplines. If their chosen discipline is riding at home poking about the paddock, well that to me is equally as valid as those that aim for Olympic recognition.

PCA NSW – HOW I SEE IT

I do believe that Pony Club has such a tremendous role to play in the early development of our young riders and it is often a key community sporting group. Its core business is to deliver a safe program of horsemanship and coaching that encourages a love and understanding of horses with an ability to care for them, and therefore develop the riding skills required to become a horseman. This is not meant to sound blasé or even blah blah!! I genuinely think that offering good quality all round instruction, with club/ zone/ state/ national and international competitions alongside a strong community focus will mean our association stands a chance of continuing and strengthening.

As a group of Volunteers anyone working for their local club or in a zone or state position has a large amount of their free time taken up with “pony club”. Being part of this association is rewarding, it can also be exhausting and exhilarating (often at the same time). I would like to contribute more into the organization by offering my services to the Executive.

I will offer the members, integrity, experience, knowledge, fairness, impartiality, and a belief that Pony Club is still relevant in today’s ever-changing environment. The horses and ponies really do need Pony Club, we are the ones that promote health and well-being, and most clubs still have very experienced horsemen (usually women!!!) to help advise newcomers on their new purchase. How many times have you heard the comment, “my daughter loves horses, so we bought her a pony, and we know nothing about them” That always brings a sinking feeling, it is usually followed by the thought what have they been sold. We are needed, it is changing, and we do need to change, in conjunction the technology, the thinking and the membership backgrounds. The values shouldn’t change we must maintain a high level of safety for people and ponies, we must remain courteous to others, and promote good horsemanship at all times.

2022. The difficulty of COVID 19 risk is still out there, albeit we hope to a lessening degree. We in Australia are truly the lucky country with the management of this virus. All of us, the members of PCANSW have had our own struggles and disappointments with this virus. However, it has in a funny way been an excellent year for our Clubs and Zones. The number of rallies is up, the Zone championships, Jamborees and the Regional plus Instructors Schools have all gone ahead, with record numbers. This shows the riders and Instructors still want to ride and coach. Let us hope that 2021 is a softer year and that we can rebuild our state level competitions.

We do still provide fun, coaching, humour, and a chance for the parents/carers to watch their children enjoy themselves on their ponies careering around the pony club grounds with their friends.

Nominees for Vice President: MRS CLARE MARTIN

To the members of NSW PCA State Council,

I come from a family that has been continuously involved in pony club since 1948, when my mother began riding with Merriwa Pony Club and then took on other roles within the club until my sisters and I began competing. My children have been members since age 4 and all three are still competing (aged 18 – 22) at club, zone, state, and national level.

My children also actively compete outside of pony club, as do so many of our members, and I am acutely aware of the wide-ranging options available to equestrian kids today. I see this as one of the challenges that pony club must address if we are to stay relevant and retain, or more importantly, grow our membership.

I have served as a member of the state executive for 2 years now and also hold roles at a zone and club level. I have extensive business and financial experience being a Chartered Accountant and having run my own business for the past 28 years. This mix of financial acumen and hands on pony club experience will allow me to help to keep our organization strong and relevant in an ever increasingly difficult environment.

I believe that I can bring to the Executive and Pony Club NSW a blend of the old; knowledge of how things have been done in the past, and the new; an outlook that is open to new ways of approaching things, whilst keeping a steady hand on the wheel.

Clare Martin, Merriwa Pony Club, Zone 7.

Nominees for Vice President: MRS HILARY FLETCHER

Hilary Fletcher

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Roles nominated for	PCA NSW – Executive PCA NSW Vice President, Councillor
Skills & Abilities	Confident horse person, with over 40 years’ experience owning, competing, and riding horses. Pony club riding member for 20 years Pony Club parent for 10 years Member of State Executive and Chair of the State Complaints Committee
Relevant Experience	<p>Life Member of Canberra Lakes Pony Club (Zone 16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I joined Canberra Lakes PC as a young rider in the 70s. I competed in mostly zone events as in those days my parent couldn’t afford much more. • My daughter was also a member of Canberra lakes at the age of 7 when she commenced riding her first pony. Successfully competing at numerous Zone, State and National events where she represented NSW in Eventing at the Nationals before taking time out to commence her university studies. <p>Positions held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member for Canberra lakes PC • Horse Welfare Officer • Instructor • Senior instructor • Zone 16 Chief Instructor (2017-2019) • Currently Deputy ZCI as part of our zone mentoring program to encourage new ‘blood’ into our executive • State Executive Committee <p>I am an active member of Canberra Lakes Pony Club where I teach and am qualified Level 1. I also find time to train and compete on my own horse which I find helps to keep my knowledge and competencies current.</p> <p>I volunteer at our local SJ Club and have assisted in pole picking, course building and Stewarding. I have also completed a Level 1 Judging Course with Michael Archer in July 2017.</p>
Education	Higher School Certificate – many years ago! Bachelor of Science – Forensic Investigation Diploma of Management PCA NCAS Level 1 Coach 2022 State Instructor Workshop at SIEC State Camp.
Communication	I have good communication skills; I have assisted in numerous mediation where

	<p>conflict in PC. An example was when I was asked by a 13 yr old girl at the 2019 Zone 16 Camp to assist her in a bullying issue she was experiencing with her Troop Leader. I was able to achieve a mutual outcome by mediating with the 13 yr old and her troop leader. I actively listened to both sides of their argument and mediated an outcome whereby both parties 'gave' a little to enable an outcome that allowed them to continue to remain in the troop and acknowledge that their behaviour contributed to the cause yet could also contribute to the successful outcome of the dispute.</p>
Leadership	<p>I am a retired Police Officer of 34 years' service. I have developed good leadership skills and am a confident and independent person. One of the more relevant roles I performed was the Officer in Charge of the AFP Mounted Cadre. Part of my role in this position was to provide leadership to a team of mounted police riders and the horses. This included producing and delivering Operational Orders for large community events. I also lead the team of horses and riders for ceremonial events including Governor General escorts, Anzac Day parades, Police funerals and community events where the mounted Sections was deployed.</p>
References	<p>Gary Harmer Jane Frankum Kerren Britton Sarah Woodhouse Shauna Haipola</p>

Nominees for Vice President:

MRS AMANDA WUNDERLICH

Kenthurst Pony Club

Zone 23

To the Pony Club Council & Members,

Having been a member at pony club from 1987 to 1992, my children (now aged 11 & 8) and I have both been members of Dural Pony Club since they were 3 or 4 years old. When I was riding, my interests were equitation and eventing where I competed up to Advanced level and was selected for a number of junior squads, before shifting my focus to university. I continued as an EA instructor and rode track work for a few years while I was at university completing an Honours degree in Event Management & Sports Marketing in conjunction with a Diploma of Education. I later completed an MBA in Marketing & Strategic Management and an Advanced Diploma in Public Relations as well as becoming an accredited PRINCE II Project Manager, PROSCI Change Manager and Six Sigma Black belt (process improvement). Throughout my career my passion has always been in events and sponsorship, and I have been fortunate to work across numerous sports in the private, public and not for profit sectors including:

- Manager of Elite Sport for Surf Life Saving Australia
- Sponsorship & Marketing Manager for Surf Life Saving Australia
- Event Manager for Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority
- Sales and Sponsorship Manager for V8 Supercars
- Sponsorship & Events Manager for WesTrac (Caterpillar)
- Business Transformation Manger WesTrac (Caterpillar)
- Business Improvement Manager for Wilson Group

- General Manager Marketing and Commercial for World Rally Championship in Australia (current role)
- Business Analyst Paynter Dixon (current role)

I currently hold my PCA NCAS level 1 and have been the ZCI for Zone 23 and after holding the role of Club Captain at Dural Pony Club since 2016, I am now the Senior Instructor at Kenthurst Pony Club. I am relishing being back in pony club and I hope that my children have opportunity to benefit from the same experience that I enjoyed when I was at Pony Club so many decades ago. Seeing firsthand the membership challenges facing Pony Club, my goal is to create an inclusive atmosphere that encourages participation across all levels and offers both children and parents a feeling of “belonging” and achievement, while create a platform for competition and developing valuable horsemanship skills. I also appreciate the importance of engaging & rewarding the volunteers as they are the backbone of the organisation.

Having held the role of Vice President of PCANSW for the past 2 years it has become clear how many opportunities there are to continue to build on the success of Pony Cub in NSW. I would like to further develop opportunities to invest in the skills of our coaches, team managers, judges, and officials, and to draw on the significant knowledge and skills of our older members and broader pony club community. Empowering our discipline committees to develop their portfolio, will enable the executive team to seek feedback from our members and develop a strategic plan that would increase the engagement participation across all levels of riding.

I see so many opportunities for Pony Club to grow and build loyalty with its members, and whilst I am acutely aware of challenges that equestrian sports face in Australia (land availability, cost of horses, safety etc), I am optimistic about the future of Pony Club and strongly believe it is an essential grass roots platform for the sport. I would like to utilise my 25 years of national and international experience in the sporting and corporate sector and be a member of the team that guides Pony Club NSW on the next stage of its journey to ensure the success and longevity of the Association, allowing future generations to enjoy the great experiences pony club offers to its members.

Regards,
Amanda Wunderlich

NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER

Nominees for Treasurer
As per Vice President

MRS BELINDA TINK

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Nomination for Council Representatives **SANDRA (MARYLOU) HODGES**
As per President

Nominees for Council Representative: **MR PHILLIP LOUGE**
As per Vice President

Nominees for Council Representative: **MRS BELINDA TINK**
As per Vice President

Nominees for Council Representative: **MR GUY THOMAS**

GUY THOMAS

Current Club Member of BOGGABRI Pony Club
Zone 5 Chief Instructor, State Delegate, Zone Assessor
Pony Club Experience:

- Zone 5 junior riding member of Narrabri pony club 1968-1973 (6 years)
- Narrabri Pony Club from 1979-1990 troop leader for annual camp (10 years)
- Zone 7 president and Senior Instructor Aberdeen pony club for 7 years Camp Commandant Aberdeen Rossgole annual camp 1994 – 2000 (7 years)
- Life member Boggabri Pony Club
- Camp commandant Boggabri 2000 – 2004 (5 years)
- Instructor/organiser annual camp from 2005 – current
- Senior Instructor from 2016-2021 Boggabri

Work/Life Experience

I completed my Agriculture Diploma at Yanco Agricultural College and went to work in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and Queensland for 8 years on large cattle holdings. All the work in the 1970's and 80's was done with horses. I transferred to Ellerston near Scone NSW in 1983 and worked with both sheep and cattle and of course more horses.

Since 1992, I have been managing East Rossgole at Aberdeen a Beef Cattle and Sheep Wool property and once again bred, trained, and worked with horses. My wife and I breed Australian Stock Horses. Both my children have been active Pony Club members both at ABERDEEN and BOGGABRI and I have continued my commitment to the Pony Club Movement by actively contributing throughout all this time.

My aim is to encourage and promote the benefits of being safe and happy riders. I will contribute a range of views on the executive that fairly represents all zone and localities. Giving support to all the disciplines that Pony Club Covers.

I have served on many committees and have experience with financial reports, budgets, governance, equality and organising events.

Any organisation is only as good as the people who invest their time and energy into ensuring it is run as professionally and ethically as possible.

Sincerely Guy Thomas
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24/1/2022

Nominee for Council Representative:

MS FIONA PENNELL

Coonamble Pony Club Zone 4

Fiona Pennell wishes to nominate as Zone Chief Instructors Representative to Council and a Council Representative:

I have been involved within Pony Club most of my life since starting at an early age. I am a Level 11 Instructor and Examiner in the old system of instruction, and I am also a NCAS level 1 instructor.

I have been the Senior Instructor at Coonamble Pony Club for the past 13yrs, I was Deputy ZCI for Zone 4 for 3yrs, and then in 2013 I became ZCI for Zone 4. Since becoming ZCI I have organised regional schools and instructor schools that are available through NSW PCA and also help with the organising and running of zone events such as our jamboree, showjumping, sporting and campdraft, Show Riding and Dressage. I have been an assistant Technical Delegate for State Sporting for the past 3 years and for the past 5 years I have been Technical Delegate for State Campdrafting and Team Penning.

PCA Nationals 2019 I was on the organising committee, and I was the Technical Delegate for the Tetrathlon.

Whilst being on the Executive as Vice President for 2years, and the last 3 years as Zone Chief Instructors Representative to Council I was proactive within my role, attending the 2019 PCA Nationals and State Events and State Camps.

I am involved within the Pony Club movement because I enjoy being able to help riders succeed in their chosen discipline and also to see children learn to ride and enjoy themselves.

Away from Pony Club I compete at Campdrafts, I am interested in the Racehorse Industry and have been for many years, as my grandfather and my father were Racehorse Trainers.

I work in Administration for the Dept of Education.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Pennell

Nominee for Council Representative:

MRS CLARE MARTIN

As per Vice President nomination

Nominee for Council Representative:

MRS HILARY FLETCHER

As per Vice President nomination

Nominee for Council Representative:

MRS AMANDA WUNDERLICH

As per Vice President nomination

Representatives from the Zone Instructors Committee to the State Executive Committee to be filled for 2022 – to be elected at the March 2022 Zone Chief Instructors Meeting

- i) Chairman of Chief Instructors
- ii) Zone Chief Instructors Representative.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR OF ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS COMMITTEE

Nominee for Chairman of Zone Chief Instructors Committee MRS SARAH WOODHOUSE
As per Vice President nomination.

NOMINATIONS FOR ZONE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS' REPRESENTATIVE

Nominee for Zone Chief Instructors Representative MS FIONAL PENNELL
As per Council Representative nomination.

Nominee for Zone Chief Instructors Representative MRS AMANDA WUNDERLICH

Kenthurst Pony Club

Zone 23

As per Vice President and Council nomination.